

Design, Inc. of Quebec, Canada sell pulse sensors) and not a part of this invention. (Pulse reading may be performed, for example, by means of an infra red sensor that detects a black line on the meter wheel.)

Reader 8 is provided with adjustable screw connectors 10, which are used to integrally attach a reader 8 to cover 3. Connectors 10 may be used to align and adjust the position of reader 8 to allow accurate meter reading of rotating meter wheel 4. A communications device 11, typically a computer modem, connects AMR 9 to telephone jack 12, which forms part of a public switched telephone network (PSTN). Jack Jacks 12, which are housed in enclosure 18, may be connected to internet 13. --

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Please replace paragraph [00~~45~~] by the following rewritten paragraph: *dl 9/26/06*

--In Figure 5, cover ~~45~~ 3 has a lateral extension 16, to house the AMR (not shown). Communication and power attachment may be made through plugs 17. Alternatively, the communication and power leads may exit ~~cover 45~~ extension 16 through openings (not shown) which are located in the base or the back of the unit. --